

REMARKS

As in the prior Amendment, claims 6-32 and 34-39 were withdrawn, claims 1, 40, and 42 were amended, claims 1-5, 3, and 40-42 were rejected, and new claims 43-46 were added. Claims 1-5, 33, 40-46 are pending.

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Applicant thanks Examiner Odlund and Supervisory Patent Examiner Bennett for the July 28, 2004 personal interview with the inventor, Dr. Steven Boyce, and applicant's undersigned representative.

As required, applicant states that the substance of the Interview was the Office Action mailed March 19, 2004, applicant's response filed June 21, 2004, and the art of record.

In view of the interview, claims 43-46 are amended to clarify that the gasket is discontinuous. Applicant asserts that no new matter is added by this Amendment.

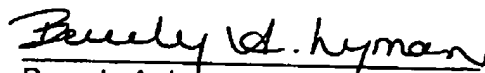
CONCLUSION

In view of the Amendments, as well as the foregoing remarks, applicant respectfully submits that this application is in complete condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application in this regard.

Applicant does not believe any fee is due with this submission.
However, the Examiner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency to Deposit
Account No. 23-3000. The Examiner is invited to telephone the applicant's
undersigned representative with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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